

Dr Santosh Kr. Singh

Assistant Professor in Sociology (SLS)

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dr Santosh Kr. Singh holds MA, MPhil and PhD degrees from the Centre for the study of social systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He has regular teaching experience of more than 11 years where he taught both undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Sociology. His doctoral work is about examining the socio-cultural dimensions of agribusiness practices in selected villages of the terai region of Uttarakhand. Lately he has been interested and did some work in the area of 'dynamics of religious groups in the background of globalization'. He is also currently pursuing a UGC-SPONSORED Major Research Project on the theme: Small farmers in Agribusiness, a socio-economic study of floriculturists in a village in Punjab.

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST:

- Globalization and Religious Identities.
- Rural transformation and change.
- Sociology of Agribusiness.
- Globalization and religious conflicts in Punjab, India.

CONSULTANCY/POLICY INTERFACE:

- **Honorary Member**, State Level Task Force for the implementation of SSA, RMSA-**Government of Haryana (2010)**
- **Member** of the Core team, constituted by the **Chandigarh Administration** to devise strategies and implement plans for its "**Value the Girl Child Campaign**". The assignment entailed organizing seminars and workshops for various target groups and providing sociological perspective to the campaign. (2007-2009).
- Worked as a **Social Scientist** with the **Netherlands funded Rural Water Supply and Sanitation project at Kanpur, U.P.** for JPS- Associates, Management Consultants, Delhi. (1998)

BOOKS: Total – 03 (In Edited volumes)

- Singh, Santosh Kr., 2010, **Globalization and Religious Identities in India: Understanding the Subaltern Context of the sacred**, in Mihaela Gligor and Sherry Sabbarwal (ed.) Patterns in Philosophy and Sociology of Religions, Rawat Publications
(ISBN: 81-316-0388-1)
- Singh, Santosh Kr., 2010, **Practicing Sociology on the outside edge**, in Maitrayee Chaudhary (ed) 'Sociology in India: Institutional and Intellectual Practices', Rawat Publications, Jaipur, India (ISBN: 81-316-0350-4).

- Singh, Santosh Kr., 2008, **Sacred as Profane: Changing Contours of Religion in India**, in Mihaela Gligor and Mac Linscott Ricketts (ed.) Professor Mircea Eliade: Reminiscences, Codex Publishing House, Kolkata. (ISBN: 978-81-906429-0-3).

REVIEWS (In Journals):

- **Idea of justice by Amartya Sen., Allen Lane, Penguin, Delhi, In International Journal on Humanistic Ideology (IJHI), vol. 11, No. 2, 2009, Autumn-Winter, Cluj University Press-Napoca Romania**
- **Patterns of middle class consumption in India and China by Christopher Jafferlot and Peter Van der Veer, Sage, Delhi. IJHI, vol. 1, No. 2, 2008, Autumn-Winter, Cluj University Press-Napoca Romania.**
- **Changing Gods: Rethinking Conversion in India by Rudolph C. Heredia, IJHI, vol.1, No. 2, 2008, Autumn-winter.**
- **Journey in to Islam, The Crisis of Globalization by Akbar Ahmad, Penguin/Viking, IJHI, Year 1, Vol.1, 2008, May-June.**
- **NGOs in India: A Cross-cultural Study by R. Sooryamoorthy and K.D. Gangrade, Greenwood Press, London. Sociological Bulletin, vol. 51, No. 2, Jan-April 2004.**
- **People’s Movement for Himalayan Rejuvenation by M.L.Dewan and Piyush Rautela, Concept Publishing, Delhi. Sociological Bulletin, vol. 51, No.2, Sept. 2002.**
- **Village Voice: Forty Years of Rural Transformation in South India by T.Scarlett Epstein, A.P.Suryanarayana and T. Thimmegowda, Sage Publication, Delhi. Sociological Bulletin, vol. 49, No. 2. September 2000.**

PAPERS AT RECENT NATIONAL/INTRNATIONAL SEMINARS:

- Paper titled ‘**Globalization and subaltern context of the sacred**’ Presented at an **International seminar organized by the Panjab University in collaboration with Manchester University at Chandigarh on 19th February 2010.**
- Paper titled ‘ **whither Indian villages: issues and perspectives**’ presented at an **international seminar** at JNU, Delhi (7-8 March 2009)
- Presented a paper at the **International Seminar on ‘History of Religions’, 8-10 Oct. 2007,** organized by the Academic staff College, JNU, Delhi in collaboration with the Nehru Memorial Library, Delhi and the Embassy of Romania in India.
- Paper titled ‘**Practicing Sociology at the Periphery: Experiences and Lessons from college level teaching in Uttaranchal and Chandigarh**’ at a workshop on ‘Mapping Practices of Sociology and thinking the role of social sciences in India.’ At JNU, Delhi, 24-25 January 2007.
- Paper: **Rural India in a global village: understanding the process of change at grass root level.** At National seminar on “Globalization, Socio-Economic changes and Empowerment of the

Marginalized: issues, strategies and prospects” organized by the Ambedkar Chair, JNU, 29-30 March 2005.

GUEST LECTURES (as a resource person)

- Lecture on **‘Role of Police in Protecting Scheduled castes’** on 4.10.2010 in a workshop organized by Institute of Correctional Administration Sector 26, Chandigarh for police officers of Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh.
- Lecture on **‘Poverty, Illiteracy and social harmony’** in a workshop organized for the NSS Programme Officers of Himachal Pradesh at Dr. Y.S. Parmar Agricultural University, Nauni Solan (H.P.) on 12 May, 2010.
- Invited as a **panelist** to speak on **‘Democracy, Pluralism and Police’** in a workshop organized by the **Institute of Correctional Administration, Sector 26, Chandigarh** for the police officers of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh on 22.04.2010
- Talk on **‘Declining Sex Ratio in Chandigarh: a case of Mistaken Modernity’** to the pre service teachers of ETT, under the **Population Education Project** organized by the State Institute of Education, Chandigarh on 22nd January 2010.
- Talk on **‘Globalization and Health’** at School of Public Health , **PGIMER, Chandigarh**, at a workshop on Health promotion (18-30th Sept. 2008), on 25th Sept., organized by the SPH, PGI in collaboration with Public Health Research and Development Foundation, India.
- Invited to deliver a series of lectures to the students of **Masters in Public Health** at the School of Public Health (SPH), **PGIMER, Chandigarh** on issues ranging from gender and social discrimination in India to globalization and inter-faith dialogue. (1-12 Oct. 2007

ACADEMIC ASSIGNMENTS:

- Organizing Secretary, 2-day UGC Sponsored National Conference on “ Rural India in a Global Village: Issues & Perspectives”, 26th -27th October 2010 at Post Graduate Govt. College For Girls, Sector 11, Chandigarh.
- Prepared a vision document on Higher education for the Chandigarh Administration (2010

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS/AWARDS

MEMBER (Research/Academic bodies)

Member, Editorial Board, International Journal on Humanistic Ideology, a biannual journal published from the Cluj University Press, Romania, European Union.

ISSN1844–458X <http://humanisticideology.blogspot.com/>

Life member (LMI-1931) of the **Indian Sociological Society (ISS), Delhi.**

Awarded Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Sociology by the UGC